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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 14-CR-00175-WHA

**DECLARATION OF [REDACTED] IN
SUPPORT OF RESPONSE TO SIXTH
REQUEST RE DIXIE FIRE**

Judge: Hon. William Alsup

1 I, [REDACTED], hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

2 1. I make this declaration based upon personal knowledge and if called as a witness I
3 could and would testify competently to the matters set forth herein.

4 2. I am an Apprentice Distribution Operator with Pacific Gas and Electric Company
5 ("PG&E").

6 3. At the time of my call with troubleman [REDACTED] ("Dixie Troubleman") at
7 approximately 3:00 p.m. on July 13, 2021, as mentioned in my prior declaration, I thought that the
8 cause of the outage at the Cresta Dam might have been the fuse that operated on the Bucks Creek
9 1101 12kV Line described by Dixie Troubleman. I did not know what could have caused the fuse
10 to open, but fuses open for a variety of reasons, such as when a line makes contact with an animal
11 or vegetation, when wind pushes two lines together momentarily, or when a fuse malfunctions.
12 Responding troubleshooters generally investigate the causes of fuses that operate, and are sometimes
13 but not always able to determine the cause.

14 4. As mentioned in my prior declaration, as an apprentice, I do not have independent
15 authority to cut power to a line. Instead, Journeyman Distribution Operator [REDACTED] ("NDCC
16 Operator #3"), under whom I worked on July 13, had that authority. I do not recall having any
17 discussions with NDCC Operator #3 about whether to cut power to the entire line around the time
18 of my call with the Dixie Troubleman or otherwise considering the issue.

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20 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my
21 knowledge.

22 Executed this 8th day of December, 2021, in the City of Chico, County of Butte, State of
23 California.

24 [REDACTED]
25 [REDACTED]
26 [REDACTED]
27 [REDACTED]
28 [REDACTED]